

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS28503 / S1093

This legislation maintains oversight of physician assistants (PAs) in medical practice while offering them relief from over-regulation. It reduces unnecessary administrative and regulatory burdens from PAs, physicians, hospitals, and practice managers while maintaining an appropriate level of oversight. If adopted, these anticipated changes will improve patient access to care, particularly in rural, underserved areas where it can be difficult to comply with burdensome delegation of services requirements.

Hospitals and physician-owned clinics will find it easier to employ PAs by leveraging existing credentialing and privileging systems to ensure patient safety. PAs will be better able to meet the needs of patients without delays caused by site registrations, supervising physician availability requirements, and other regulatory requirements that do not serve any measurable patient safety benefit.

This legislation has been reviewed by several stakeholders including the Board of Medicine and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses.

FISCAL NOTE

There will be no fiscal impact to the general fund. In fact, there may be some cost savings to state agencies through the reduction of requirements to monitor unnecessary regulations.

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